

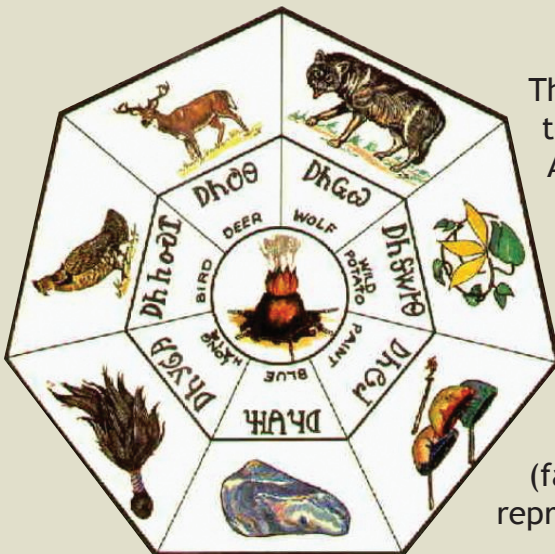
MT. PISGAH WATERROCK KNOB • CHEROKEE

MILEPOST
408-469

T-SHIRT OR JACKET WEATHER?

At any of the overlooks between Milepost 385 and 469, use the chart below to record the elevation, time of day, and the temperature. If you don't have a thermometer, judge the temperature by asking yourself things like..."Am I shivering?..."Do I need a jacket?". As you ride up or down the Parkway, how do these numbers change and what is their relationship to each other?

OVERLOOK NAME <small>Milepost</small>	TIME OF DAY	ELEVATION	TEMPERATURE <small>hot • warm • cool • cold</small>



Cherokee Clans

The Cherokee were the first people to settle this part of the Southern Appalachians. They consider the number seven sacred and have seven clans or family units.

This chart identifies these clans: **Deer, Wolf, Wild Potato, Paint, Blue, Long Hair and Bird.**

In the space below, name your clan (family) and draw a symbol that represents your family.

My Clan Name _____



KEEPING TRACK

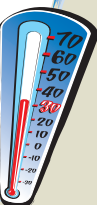
I visited Mt. Pisgah, Waterrock

Knob and Cherokee on _____

I explored _____

I enjoyed _____

I discovered _____



The Shape Of Our Mountains

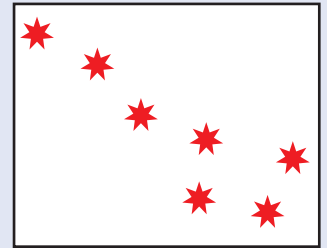
The first school in America designed to study the science of forestry was near Mt. Pisgah. The students used the mountains you see as their “classroom,” learning how to grow and keep healthy forests. Find a good overlook (Devil’s Courthouse at Milepost 422 is one choice) with both close up and distant views of mountains.

Sketch what you see on this “blank canvas”. Try to get the shapes right! Mountains such as Sharp Top and Buffalo in Virginia, as well as Grandfather in North Carolina are named because of their shape. No two mountains look exactly alike, and this is how we tell them apart when seeing them from a distance.

My Constellation Name is _____

Star Patterns & Sky Myths

As the sky darkens after sunset and stars begin to appear, see if you can locate the Big Dipper and other star patterns in the northern sky. To the Cherokee, this constellation was a great



bear who watched over the Earth and the seven Cherokee clans. Their peace flag (pictured above right) has seven red stars, each with seven points arranged in the pattern of the Big Dipper. Use the space to the left to make your own star pattern.

Watch and Learn

Traditionally, education of Cherokee children was based on experience. They watched the adults and helped out when ever they could. You can do the same!

While on vacation, look for things that need to be done in order to have a safe and fun trip. Help out with a family or group activity and describe it. Then, have an adult sign off on this activity!

Signature _____